EXHIBIT A



Service of Process Transmittal

CT Log Number 538991651

02/03/2021

TO: Legal Sop, Melissa Partlow

Best Buy Énterprise Services, Inc.

7601 PENN AVE S

RICHFIELD, MN 55423-3683

Process Served in New Jersey RE:

FOR: Best Buy Stores, L.P. (Domestic State: VA)

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TITLE OF ACTION:

David Derhi and Tikva Derhi, etc., Pltfs. vs. Christoph Hammond, et al., Dfts. // To:

Best Buy Stores

Name discrepancy noted.

DOCUMENT(S) SERVED:

COURT/AGENCY:

None Specified Case # MIDL696120

NATURE OF ACTION:

Personal Injury - Vehicle Collision

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED:

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DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE:

By Process Server on 02/03/2021 at 15:40

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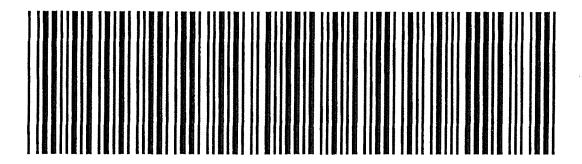
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DOCKET NO.: MID-L-6961-20

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/s/ M. M. S

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DAVID DERHI and TIKVA DERHI, his wife

Plaintiffs,

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LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY

DOCKET NO.: MID-L-

CIVIL ACTION

COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff, DAVID DERHI and TIKVA DERHI, residing at 20 Carter Drive, Township of Marlboro County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, by way of Complaint against the Defendants say:

FIRST COUNT

- 1. On October 4, 2018 at approximately 2:35 p.m., the Plaintiff, DAVID DERHI, was operating an automobile that was traveling northbound on River Avenue and slowing to stop/stopping in traffic, in the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey.
- 2. At the time and place aforesaid, Defendants CHRISTOPH HAMMOND was the operator of a vehicle traveling directly behind Plaintiff, in the same lane of traffic.
- 3. At the same time and place aforesaid, the Defendant, CHRISTOPH HAMMOND

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owed a duty of reasonable care to the Plaintiff, DAVID DERHI, with respect to the operation of the vehicle he was driving.

- 4. At the time and place aforesaid, Defendants, CHRISTOPH HAMMOND breached this duty of care since he operated his vehicle in a negligent, grossly negligent, and/or reckless manner by inter alia, failing to make proper observations and keep proper attention, failing to keep his/her vehicle under control, following too closely behind the plaintiff, travelling too fast for the circumstances then and there existing, driving distracted and failing to otherwise drive with reasonable and due care under the circumstances since CHRISTOPH HAMMOND failed to control his/her vehicle and struck Plaintiff's vehicle in the rear while the Plaintiff was properly and gradually slowing to stop/stopping in traffic; and/or improperly maintained his vehicle.
- As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid negligence, gross negligence and/or recklessness of Defendant CHRISTOPH HAMMOND, Plaintiff, DAVID DERHI, was caused to sustain severe and permanent personal injuries, to suffer from great pain, was forced to seek medical aid and attention, was caused to suffer financial loss including property damage, prevented from attending to his/her usual business and/or employment or other activities, and has been left with permanent injuries and disabilities that will, in the future, cause him/her to suffer great pain, require medical aid and/or attention and will otherwise cause him/her to suffer from said injuries.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, DAVID DERHI, demands judgment against the Defendant, CHRISTOPH HAMMOND and Co-Defendants, individually, jointly, concurrently and severally for damages, compensatory and punitive, interest, attorney's fees, costs of suit, and such other and further relief that the Court may deem just and equitable.

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SECOND COUNT

- 1. Plaintiffs repeat and incorporate each and every allegation contained within the First Count of the Complaint as if set forth at length herein.
- 2. At the time and place aforesaid, Defendants, BEST BUY STORES, BEST BUY, BEST BUY CO., INC., and/or BEST BUY STORES, L.P., was/were the owner(s) of the vehicle that was being operated by the Defendant, CHRISTOPH HAMMOND. Further, at all times relevant herein, one or more of said Defendants was/were entities that was/were and is conducting business in Middlesex County, New Jersey.
- 3. Defendants, BEST BUY STORES, BEST BUY, BEST BUY CO., INC., and/or BEST BUY STORES, L.P., negligently entrusted Defendant, CHRISTOPH HAMMOND, with said vehicle, negligently maintained said vehicle and/or allowed the Defendant, CHRISTOPH HAMMOND, to operate their/its vehicle as its/his/her agent, servant and/or employee.
- 4. Defendants, BEST BUY STORES, BEST BUY, BEST BUY CO., INC., and/or BEST BUY STORES, L.P., is vicariously liable for any conduct, including negligence, gross negligence and/or recklessness of Defendant, CHRISTOPH HAMMOND.
- 5. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid conduct, including negligence, gross negligence and/or recklessness of the Defendant, CHRISTOPH HAMMOND and Defendants, BEST BUY STORES, BEST BUY, BEST BUY CO., INC., and/or BEST BUY STORES, L.P., Plaintiff, DAVID DERHI, was caused to sustain severe and permanent personal injuries, to suffer from great pain, was forced to seek medical aid and attention, was caused to suffer financial loss including property damage, prevented from attending to his/her usual business and/or employment or other activities, and has been left with permanent injuries and disabilities that will,

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WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, DAVID DERHI, demands judgment against the Defendants, Defendants, BEST BUY STORES, BEST BUY, BEST BUY CO., INC., and/or BEST BUY STORES, L.P., and CHRISTOPH HAMMOND, and Co-Defendants, individually, jointly, concurrently and severally for damages, compensatory and punitive, interest, attorney's fees, costs of suit, and such other and further relief that the Court may deem just and equitable.

THIRD COUNT

- 1. Plaintiffs repeat each and every allegation contained in the First and Second Counts of this Complaint as if the same were set forth verbatim and at length herein.
- At the time and place aforesaid, the Plaintiff, TIKVAH DERHI, was the lawfully wedded wife of Plaintiff, DAVID DERHI.
- 3. As a direct and proximate result of the injuries suffered by Plaintiff, DAVID DERHI, as aforesaid, the Plaintiff, TIKVAH DERHI, has and will in the future, suffer the loss of the usual services, companionship, society and consortium of her husband, DAVID DERHI, and has been required to provide special services and care for Plaintiff, DAVID DERHI.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, TIKVAH DERHI, demands judgment against the Defendants and Co-Defendants, individually, jointly, concurrently and severally for damages, interest, attorney's fees, costs of suit, and such other and further relief that the Court may deem just and equitable.

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FOURTH COUNT

- 1. Plaintiffs repeat and incorporate each and every allegation contained within the First Second and Third Counts of the Complaint as if set forth at length herein.
- 2. Defendants John/Jane Does (1-10), ABC Corporations (1-10), DEF Partnerships (1-10) and GHI Limited Liability Corporations (1-10) are named fictitiously due to the Plaintiff's lack of knowledge and belief as to the true identities of said Defendants. At such time as the Plaintiff learns the true identities of said Defendants, this Complaint will be amended to reflect same.
- 3. Defendants John/Jane Does (1-10), ABC Corporations (1-10), DEF Partnerships (1-10) and GHI Limited Liability Companies (1-10) are individuals and/or entities who had an ownership interest in the vehicle that was being operated by Defendant, CHRISTOPH HAMMOND, who negligently entrusted the vehicle to Defendant, CHRISTOPH HAMMOND, who negligently maintained, constructed, assembled and/or repaired the vehicle operated by Defendant, CHRISTOPH HAMMOND, who negligently designed, constructed, obstructed, repaired and/or maintained the roadway where the accident occurred, and/or Defendant, CHRISTOPH HAMMOND, was operating said vehicle as their agent, servant and/or employee at the time of the accident; and/or individually or through their agents, servants and/or employees negligently served alcohol to any of the parties while noticeably intoxicated and/or said Defendants are insurers from whom Plaintiff is entitled to PIP, medical payment coverage or other insurance benefits.
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DESIGNATION OF TRIAL COUNSEL

Andrew S. Blumer, Esq., is hereby designated as trial counsel in the above-captioned matter.

JURY DEMAND

TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiffs demand that the issues herein by tried by a jury.

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO R. 4:5-1

In accordance with Rule 4:5-1, I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge that the matter in controversy in this/her action is not the subject of any other action, and that no such action or arbitration is presently contemplated.

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Civil Case Information Statement

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Case Initiation Date: 10/02/2020 Attorney Name: ANDREW S BLUMER Firm Name: ANDREW S. BLUMER Address: BLDG 5, STE D 4255 RTE 9N

FREEHOLD NJ 07728
Phone: 7323036430

Name of Party: PLAINTIFF : DERHI, DAVID

Name of Defendant's Primary Insurance Company

(if known): None

Case Type: AUTO NEGLIGENCE-PERSONAL INJURY (NON-

VERBAL THRESHOLD)

Document Type: Complaint with Jury Demand

Jury Demand: YES - 6 JURORS

Is this a professional malpractice case? NO

Related cases pending: NO If yes, list docket numbers:

Do you anticipate adding any parties (arising out of same

transaction or occurrence)? NO

Are sexual abuse claims alleged by: DAVID DERHI? NO

Are sexual abuse claims alleged by: TIKVA DERHI? NO

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CASE CHARACTERISTICS FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING IF CASE IS APPROPRIATE FOR MEDIATION

Do parties have a current, past, or recurrent relationship? NO

If yes, is that relationship:

Does the statute governing this case provide for payment of fees by the losing party? NO

Use this space to alert the court to any special case characteristics that may warrant individual management or accelerated disposition:

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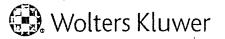
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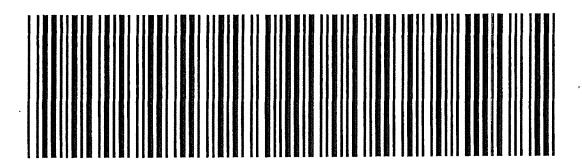
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MICHELLE M. SMITH, ACTING CLERK

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

Dated: January 27, 2021

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Plaintiffs,

v.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY

DOCKET NO.: MID-L-____

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COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff, DAVID DERHI and TIKVA DERHI, residing at 20 Carter Drive, Township of Marlboro County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, by way of Complaint against the Defendants say:

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- 1. On October 4, 2018 at approximately 2:35 p.m., the Plaintiff, DAVID DERHI, was operating an automobile that was traveling northbound on River Avenue and slowing to stop/stopping in traffic, in the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey.
- 2. At the time and place aforesaid, Defendants CHRISTOPH HAMMOND was the operator of a vehicle traveling directly behind Plaintiff, in the same lane of traffic.
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- 4. At the time and place aforesaid, Defendants, CHRISTOPH HAMMOND breached this duty of care since he operated his vehicle in a negligent, grossly negligent, and/or reckless manner by, inter alia, failing to make proper observations and keep proper attention, failing to keep his/her vehicle under control, following too closely behind the plaintiff, travelling too fast for the circumstances then and there existing, driving distracted and failing to otherwise drive with reasonable and due care under the circumstances since CHRISTOPH HAMMOND failed to control his/her vehicle and struck Plaintiff's vehicle in the rear while the Plaintiff was properly and gradually slowing to stop/stopping in traffic; and/or improperly maintained his vehicle.
- 5. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid negligence, gross negligence and/or recklessness of Defendant CHRISTOPH HAMMOND, Plaintiff, DAVID DERHI, was caused to sustain severe and permanent personal injuries, to suffer from great pain, was forced to seek medical aid and attention, was caused to suffer financial loss including property damage, prevented from attending to his/her usual business and/or employment or other activities, and has been left with permanent injuries and disabilities that will, in the future, cause him/her to suffer great pain, require medical aid and/or attention and will otherwise cause him/her to suffer from said injuries.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, DAVID DERHI, demands judgment against the Defendant, CHRISTOPH HAMMOND and Co-Defendants, individually, jointly, concurrently and severally for damages, compensatory and punitive, interest, attorney's fees, costs of suit, and such other and further relief that the Court may deem just and equitable.

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SECOND COUNT

- 1. Plaintiffs repeat and incorporate each and every allegation contained within the First Count of the Complaint as if set forth at length herein.
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- 3. Defendants, BEST BUY STORES, BEST BUY, BEST BUY CO., INC., and/or BEST BUY STORES, L.P., negligently entrusted Defendant, CHRISTOPH HAMMOND, with said vehicle, negligently maintained said vehicle and/or allowed the Defendant, CHRISTOPH HAMMOND, to operate their/its vehicle as its/his/her agent, servant and/or employee.
- 4. Defendants, BEST BUY STORES, BEST BUY, BEST BUY CO., INC., and/or BEST BUY STORES, L.P., is vicariously liable for any conduct, including negligence, gross negligence and/or recklessness of Defendant, CHRISTOPH HAMMOND.
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THIRD COUNT

- 1. Plaintiffs repeat each and every allegation contained in the First and Second Counts of this Complaint as if the same were set forth verbatim and at length herein.
- 2. At the time and place aforesaid, the Plaintiff, TIKVAH DERHI, was the lawfully wedded wife of Plaintiff, DAVID DERHI.
- 3. As a direct and proximate result of the injuries suffered by Plaintiff, DAVID DERHI, as aforesaid, the Plaintiff, TIKVAH DERHI, has and will in the future, suffer the loss of the usual services, companionship, society and consortium of her husband, DAVID DERHI, and has been required to provide special services and care for Plaintiff, DAVID DERHI.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, TIKVAH DERHI, demands judgment against the Defendants and Co-Defendants, individually, jointly, concurrently and severally for damages, interest, attorney's fees, costs of suit, and such other and further relief that the Court may deem just and equitable.

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FOURTH COUNT

- 1. Plaintiffs repeat and incorporate each and every allegation contained within the First Second and Third Counts of the Complaint as if set forth at length herein.
- 2. Defendants John/Jane Does (1-10), ABC Corporations (1-10), DEF Partnerships (1-10) and GHI Limited Liability Corporations (1-10) are named fictitiously due to the Plaintiff's lack of knowledge and belief as to the true identities of said Defendants. At such time as the Plaintiff learns the true identities of said Defendants, this Complaint will be amended to reflect same.
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- 4. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid conduct, including negligence of the Defendants, the Plaintiff, DAVID DERHI, was caused to sustain severe and permanent personal injuries, to suffer from great pain, was forced to seek medical aid and attention, was caused to suffer

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DESIGNATION OF TRIAL COUNSEL

Andrew S. Blumer, Esq., is hereby designated as trial counsel in the above-captioned matter.

JURY DEMAND

TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiffs demand that the issues herein by tried by a jury,

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO R. 4:5-1

In accordance with Rule 4:5-1, I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge that the matter in controversy in this/her action is not the subject of any other action, and that no such action or arbitration is presently contemplated.

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I certify that confidential personal identifiers have been redacted from documents now submitted to the court, and will be redacted from all documents submitted in the future in accordance with Rule 1:38-7(b).

LAW OFFICE OF ANDREW S. BLUMER A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Attorneys for Plaintiffs

BY:
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Dated: October 2, 2020

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Civil Case Information Statement

Case Details: MIDDLESEX | Civil Part Docket#1=006961-20

Case Caption: DERHI DAVID VS HAMMOND CHRISTOPH

Case Initiation Date: 10/02/2020 Attorney Name: ANDREW S BLUMER Firm Name: ANDREW S. BLUMER Address: BLDG 5, STE D 4255 RTE 9N

FREEHOLD NJ 07728 Phone: 7323036430

Name of Party: PLAINTIFF : DERHI, DAVID
Name of Defendant's Primary Insurance Company

(if known): None

Case Type: AUTO NEGLIGENCE-PERSONAL INJURY (NON-

VERBAL THRESHOLD)

Document Type: Complaint with Jury Demand

Jury Demand: YES - 6 JURORS

Is this a professional malpractice case? NO

Related cases pending: NO If yes, list docket numbers:

Do you anticipate adding any parties (arising out of same

transaction or occurrence)? NO

Are sexual abuse claims alleged by: DAVID DERHI? NO

Are sexual abuse claims alleged by: TIKVA DERHI? NO

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Do parties have a current, past, or recurrent relationship? NO

If yes, is that relationship:

Does the statute governing this case provide for payment of fees by the losing party? NO

Use this space to alert the court to any special case characteristics that may warrant individual management or accelerated disposition:

Do you or your client need any disability accommodations? NO If yes, please identify the requested accommodation:

Will an interpreter be needed? NO If yes, for what language:

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Service of Process Transmittal

02/03/2021

CT Log Number 538991813

TO:

Legal Sop, Melissa Partlow Best Buy Enterprise Services, Inc. 7601 PENN AVE S

RICHFIELD, MN 55423-3683

RE:

Process Served in New Jersey

FOR:

Best Buy (Cross Ref Name) (Domestic State: VA)

Best Buy Stores, L.P. (True Name)

ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF LEGAL PROCESS RECEIVED BY THE STATUTORY AGENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE OF ACTION:

DAVID DERHI AND TIKVA DERHI, ETC., PLTFS. vs. CHRISTOPH HAMMOND, ET AL.,

DFTS. // TO: BEST BUY

DOCUMENT(S) SERVED:

COURT/AGENCY:

None Specified

Case # MIDL00696120

NATURE OF ACTION:

Personal Injury - Vehicle Collision

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED:

C T Corporation System, West Trenton, NJ

DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE:

By Process Server on 02/03/2021 at 15:40

JURISDICTION SERVED:

New Jersey

APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE:

None Specified

ATTORNEY(S) / SENDER(S):

None Specified

ACTION ITEMS:

CT has retained the current log, Retain Date: 02/03/2021, Expected Purge Date:

02/08/2021

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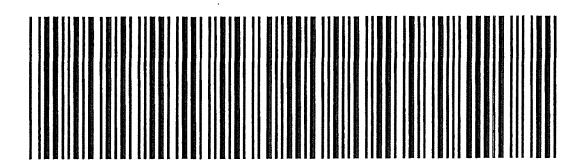
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SUMMONS

THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, to the Above-Named Defendant:

Best Buy

C/o Michael Moran, President 7601 Penn Ave S. Richfield, MN 55423

The Plaintiff, named above, has filed a lawsuit against you in the Superior Court of New Jersey.

The Complaint attached to this Summons states the basis for this lawsuit. If you dispute this Complaint, you or your attorney must file a written answer or motion and proof of service with the Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court in the County listed above within thirty-five (35) days from the date you received this Summons, not counting the date you received it. A \$135.00 filing fee payable to the Clerk of the Superior Court and a completed Case Information Statement (available from the Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court) must accompany your answer or motion when it is filed. You must also send a copy of your answer or motion to Plaintiff's attorney whose name and

address appear above, or to Plaintiff, if no attorney is named above. A telephone call will not

protect your rights; you must file and serve a written answer or motion (with fee and Case

Information Statement) if you want the Court to hear your defense.

If you do not file and serve a written answer or motion within thirty-five (35) days, the Court may

enter a judgment against you for the relief Plaintiff demands, plus interest and costs of suit. If

judgment is entered against you, the Sheriff may seize your money, wages or property to pay all or

part of the judgment.

If you cannot afford to pay an attorney, you may call the Legal Services Office in the County where

you live. If you do not have an attorney and are not eligible for free legal assistance, you may obtain

a referral to an attorney by calling one of the Lawyer Referral Services. A list of these numbers is

provided.

/s/ M. M. S

MICHELLE M. SMITH, ACTING CLERK

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

Dated: January 27, 2021

Name/Address of Defendant to be served:

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C/o Michael Moran, President

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- 2. At the time and place aforesaid, Defendants, BEST BUY STORES, BEST BUY, BEST BUY CO., INC., and/or BEST BUY STORES, L.P., was/were the owner(s) of the vehicle that was being operated by the Defendant, CHRISTOPH HAMMOND. Further, at all times relevant herein, one or more of said Defendants was/were entities that was/were and is conducting business in Middlesex County, New Jersey.
- 3. Defendants, BEST BUY STORES, BEST BUY, BEST BUY CO., INC., and/or BEST BUY STORES, L.P., negligently entrusted Defendant, CHRISTOPH HAMMOND, with said vehicle, negligently maintained said vehicle and/or allowed the Defendant, CHRISTOPH HAMMOND, to operate their/its vehicle as its/his/her agent, servant and/or employee.
- 4. Defendants, BEST BUY STORES, BEST BUY, BEST BUY CO., INC., and/or BEST BUY STORES, L.P., is vicariously liable for any conduct, including negligence, gross negligence and/or recklessness of Defendant, CHRISTOPH HAMMOND.
- 5. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid conduct, including negligence, gross negligence and/or recklessness of the Defendant, CHRISTOPH HAMMOND and Defendants, BEST BUY STORES, BEST BUY, BEST BUY CO., INC., and/or BEST BUY STORES, L.P., Plaintiff, DAVID DERHI, was caused to sustain severe and permanent personal injuries, to suffer from great pain, was forced to seek medical aid and attention, was caused to suffer financial loss including property damage, prevented from attending to his/her usual business and/or employment or other activities, and has been left with permanent injuries and disabilities that will,

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in the future, cause him/her to suffer great pain, require medical aid and/or attention and will otherwise cause him/her to suffer from said injuries.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, DAVID DERHI, demands judgment against the Defendants, Defendants, BEST BUY STORES, BEST BUY, BEST BUY CO., INC., and/or BEST BUY STORES, L.P., and CHRISTOPH HAMMOND, and Co-Defendants, individually, jointly, concurrently and severally for damages, compensatory and punitive, interest, attorney's fees, costs of suit, and such other and further relief that the Court may deem just and equitable.

THIRD COUNT

- 1. Plaintiffs repeat each and every allegation contained in the First and Second Counts of this Complaint as if the same were set forth verbatim and at length herein.
- 2. At the time and place aforesaid, the Plaintiff, TIKVAH DERHI, was the lawfully wedded wife of Plaintiff, DAVID DERHI.
- 3. As a direct and proximate result of the injuries suffered by Plaintiff, DAVID DERHI, as aforesaid, the Plaintiff, TIKVAH DERHI, has and will in the future, suffer the loss of the usual services, companionship, society and consortium of her husband, DAVID DERHI, and has been required to provide special services and care for Plaintiff, DAVID DERHI.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, TIKVAH DERHI, demands judgment against the Defendants and Co-Defendants, individually, jointly, concurrently and severally for damages, interest, attorney's fees, costs of suit, and such other and further relief that the Court may deem just and equitable.

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FOURTH COUNT

- Plaintiffs repeat and incorporate each and every allegation contained within the First
 Second and Third Counts of the Complaint as if set forth at length herein.
- 2. Defendants John/Jane Does (1-10), ABC Corporations (1-10), DEF Partnerships (1-10) and GHI Limited Liability Corporations (1-10) are named fictitiously due to the Plaintiff's lack of knowledge and belief as to the true identities of said Defendants. At such time as the Plaintiff learns the true identities of said Defendants, this Complaint will be amended to reflect same.
- 3. Defendants John/Jane Does (1-10), ABC Corporations (1-10), DEF Partnerships (1-10) and GHI Limited Liability Companies (1-10) are individuals and/or entities who had an ownership interest in the vehicle that was being operated by Defendant, CHRISTOPH HAMMOND, who negligently entrusted the vehicle to Defendant, CHRISTOPH HAMMOND, who negligently maintained, constructed, assembled and/or repaired the vehicle operated by Defendant, CHRISTOPH HAMMOND, who negligently designed, constructed, obstructed, repaired and/or maintained the roadway where the accident occurred, and/or Defendant, CHRISTOPH HAMMOND, was operating said vehicle as their agent, servant and/or employee at the time of the accident; and/or individually or through their agents, servants and/or employees negligently served alcohol to any of the parties while noticeably intoxicated and/or said Defendants are insurers from whom Plaintiff is entitled to PIP, medical payment coverage or other insurance benefits.
- 4. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid conduct, including negligence of the Defendants, the Plaintiff, DAVID DERHI, was caused to sustain severe and permanent personal injuries, to suffer from great pain, was forced to seek medical aid and attention, was caused to suffer

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financial loss including property damage, prevented from attending to his/her usual business and/or employment or other activities, and has been left with permanent injuries and disabilities that will, in the future, cause him/her to suffer great pain, require medical aid and/or attention and will otherwise cause him/her to suffer from said injuries.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, DAVID DERHI, demand judgment against the Defendants. JOHN/JANE DOES (1-10), ABC Corporations (1-10), DEF Partnerships (1-10), GHI Limited Liability Companies (1-10) and Co-Defendants, individually, jointly, concurrently, severally and individually, for damages, interest, attorney's fees, costs of suit, and such other and further relief that the Court may deem just and equitable.

DESIGNATION OF TRIAL COUNSEL

Andrew S. Blumer, Esq., is hereby designated as trial counsel in the above-captioned matter.

JURY DEMAND

TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiffs demand that the issues herein by tried by a jury.

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO R. 4:5-1

In accordance with Rule 4:5-1, I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge that the matter in controversy in this/her action is not the subject of any other action, and that no such action or arbitration is presently contemplated.

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CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 1:38-7(b)

I certify that confidential personal identifiers have been redacted from documents now submitted to the court, and will be redacted from all documents submitted in the future in accordance with Rule 1:38-7(b).

LAW OFFICE OF ANDREW S. BLUMER A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Attorneys for Plaintiffs

BY:
Andrew S. Blumer, Esq.

Dated: October 2, 2020

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Civil Case Information Statement

Case Details: MIDDLESEX | Civil Part Docket#12-006961-20

Case Caption: DERHI DAVID VS HAMMOND CHRISTOPH

Case Initiation Date: 10/02/2020 Attorney Name: ANDREW S BLUMER Firm Name: ANDREW S. BLUMER Address: BLDG 5, STE D 4255 RTE 9N

FREEHOLD NJ 07728 Phone: 7323036430

Name of Party: PLAINTIFF: DERHI, DAVID

Name of Defendant's Primary Insurance Company

(if known): None

Case Type: AUTO NEGLIGENCE-PERSONAL INJURY (NON-

VERBAL THRESHOLD)

Document Type: Complaint with Jury Demand

Jury Demand: YES - 6 JURORS

Is this a professional malpractice case? NO

Related cases pending: NO If yes, list docket numbers:

Do you anticipate adding any parties (arising out of same

transaction or occurrence)? NO

Are sexual abuse claims alleged by: DAVID DERHI? NO

Are sexual abuse claims alleged by: TIKVA DERHI? NO

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Do parties have a current, past, or recurrent relationship? NO

If yes, is that relationship:

Does the statute governing this case provide for payment of fees by the losing party? NO

Use this space to alert the court to any special case characteristics that may warrant individual management or accelerated disposition:

Do you or your client need any disability accommodations? NO If yes, please identify the requested accommodation:

Will an interpreter be needed? NO If yes, for what language:

Please check off each applicable category: Putative Class Action? NO Title 59? NO Consumer Fraud? NO

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10/02/2020 Dated Is/ ANDREW S BLUMER

Signed

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